

## Abstract

A varactor diode alternative circuit having  
at least three varactor diodes that are in each case connected  
5 in series alternately opposite to one another and a resistor  
network and/or inductor network, which has the effect that

- a) at each of the varactor diodes, a control voltage  
supplied to the circuit for adjusting the capacitance is  
10 present at least approximately at full extent, and
- b) an alternating voltage that is applied at the series  
connection of the varactor diodes, which is at a higher  
frequency compared to the control voltage, is distributed  
15 preferably at least approximately uniformly to the varactor  
diodes.

The varactor diode alternative circuit, according to the  
present invention, has the advantage that even for a smaller,  
or not larger, or not substantially larger tuning voltage  
20 compared to the amplitude of a signal voltage that is to be  
processed in the oscillator circuit that has the alternative  
circuit, the reactions of the signal voltage on the set  
capacitance of the varactor diode alternative circuit remain  
negligible, or at least low. Thus, intermodulation  
25 interferences are effectively avoided. In addition, the  
circuit may be advantageously used in an electrical unit in  
which only one small operating voltage is available, for  
instance, in a battery-operated unit.

30 Figure 2